VRS in Public Sector Banks

2227. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector Banks in the country which propose to implement Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for their employees during 2005-06; and

(b) the percentage of the staff that would be offered VRS and the details of other conditions that would be attached thereto by each Public Sector Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Under the existing Pension Regulations any employee of a Public Sector Bank (PSB) who has completed 20 years of qualifying service, by giving a notice to the appointing authority of not less than 3 months in writing, can seek voluntary retirement from service. The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has reported that no Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme is presently under their consideration.

Grants to States as aid for natural disasters

2228. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many States are having debt of thousands of crores as on today;

(b) if so, the details of debts for the last three years, State-wise and year wise;

(c) the amount of grant provided to States as aid for rehabilitation of victims of natural calamities, flood, drought and tsunami for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;

(d) the details of funds, if any, provided for rehabilitation of victims of natural calamity but diverted for other purposes, for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and calamity-wise; and

(e) the action taken, if any, to rectify the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) A Statement containing outstanding debt and liabilities of State Governments during the last three years is given in the Statement-I *(see below)*.

(c) A Statement containing grants to States for last three years is given in the Statement-II *(see below)*.

(d) and (e) No irregularity and diversion of fund, which was provided for rehabilitation of victims of natural calamity has been noticed except an instance of irregularity in flood relief operation in Bihar in 2004. State Government has ordered a vigilance enquiry in the matter and a case has been registered in the matter.

Statement-I

Grants to the States as aid for Natural Disasters

Sl.No	State	Total Outstanding Liabilities		
		2002-03	2003-04(RE)	2004-05(BE)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50083	57589	66392
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1140	1450	1636
3.	Assam	13848	16015	18887
4.	Bihar*	44885	49574	55654
5.	Goa	2915	3355	3811
6.	Gujarat	44079	53071	60408
7.	Haryana	18640	19965	21907
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11142	12878	14929
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	11002	11915	12984
10.	Karnataka	31530	36230	41649
11.	Kerala	31116	36045	40420
12.	Madhya Pradesh*	35099	44855	53376
13.	Maharashtra	61256	74692	84114
14.	Manipur	2167	2507	2710
15.	Meghalaya	1462	1636	1868
16.	Mizoram	1652	1925	2147
17.	Nagaland	2872	3265	3609
18.	Orissa	29045	33780	38085
19.	Punjab	37086	42187	46196
20	Rajashtan	42977	50270	56580
21.	Sikkim	869	945	1063
22.	Tamil Nadu	39102	47249	53887
23.	Tripura	3145	3671	4256

1	2	3	4	5
24.	Uttar Pradesh*	86293	103464	114737
25.	West Bengal	71631	84408	95246
26.	NCT Delhi	11618	14192	16552
	TOTAL:	686655	807131	913103

Note : The States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh includes the liabilities of newly formed States viz. Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Uttaranchal respectively.

Outstanding liabilities includes Internal Debt, Loans and advances from the center and provident fund etc.

SOURCE: RBI -State Finances 2004-05

Statement-II

Statewise details on release of CRF/NCCF during the last three years

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	State	Centre's share of CRF allocated/released			Releases from NCCF		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	163.77	171.96	180.56	59.94	116.75	117.88
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.94	10.44	10.96	12.78	29.79	9.09
3.	Assam	83.92	88.12	92.52	0.00	0.00	211.55
4.	Bihar	55.37	58.14	61.05	0.00	0.00	398.92
5.	Chhattisgarh	22.72	23.85	25.03	100.68	26.83	52.74
6.	Goa	1.03	1.08	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	133.46	140.13	147.14	23.29	32.41	55.00
8.	Haryana	67.23	70.59	74.12	0.00	2.20	0.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	35.96	37.75	39.64	14.05	0.30	0.00
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	28.86	30.30	31.82	0.00	0.00	50.00
11.	Jharkhand	46.88	49.22	25.84*	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Karnataka	61.66	64.74	67.98	196.88	316.47	63.62
13.	Kerala	55.60	58.38	61.30	0.00	0.00	206.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	51.78	54.39	57.10	183.34	36.72	1.70
15.	Maharashtra	129.99	136.49	143.31	20.00	77.46	173.23
16.	Manipur	4.03#	0.00*	0.00*	7.07	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	3.26	3.42	3.59	0.00	0.00	6.16
18.	Mizoram	2.46	2.58	2.71	0.00	0.00	10.68
19.	Nagaland	1.62	1.70	1.79	0.00	0.00	1.81
20.	Orissa	90.52	95.04	99.79	21.84	104.43	53.44
21.	Punjab	101.47	106.55	111.87	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
22.	Rajashtan	171.16	179.72	188.71	434.08	512.74	216.79
23.	Sikkim	5.71	6.00	6.30	0.00	0.00	9.90
24.	Tamil Nadu	84.87	89.11	93.57	215.99	289.45	783.14
25.	Tripura	4.30	4.51	4.74	0.00	0.00	0.05
26.	Uttar Pradesh	120.95	127.00	133.56	310.06	41.87	192.10
27.	Uttaranchal	26.76	28.10	29.50*	0.00	0.00	0.00
28.	West Bengal	83.60	87.78	92.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL	1648.88	1727.09	1787.60	1600.00	1587.42	2613.80

* Centre's share of CRF has not been released for want of information relating to crediting of earlier released funds, utilisation certificate and annual report.

Including arrears of CRF for the previous year.

Lowering of borrowings

2229. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to keep Government borrowings lower than the budgeted Rs. 1,00,836 crore during 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the progress achieved in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government has completed gross market borrowing of Rs. 65,000 crore upto August 12, 2005 as against Rs. 67,000 crore announced as per the Indicative Calender for market borrowing for April-September, 2005 drawn up by Central Government in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

The quantum of gross market borrowing depends on the pace of receipts and expenditure, including repayment of debt, besides availability of cash balances.

Introduction of New Era coins

2230. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Era coins including a Rs. 10 coin, designed by the National Institute of Design (NID) are set to enter the market soon; and